

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-70, drawn to a contact assembly and systems using the contact assemblies;
- II. Claims 71 and 72, drawn to a methods for making contact assemblies.

In response, the applicants elect Group I, claims 1-70, without traverse. Non-elected claims 71 and 72 have been canceled.

Accordingly, the applicant(s) have elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-70.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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